

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT POLICIES

A. General Provisions

1. Capital items for the purpose of this Capital Improvement Plan shall be defined as follows:
 - Items requiring an expenditure of at least \$25,000 and having a useful life of more than five years.
 - Projects consisting of real property acquisitions, construction, capital asset improvements, long-life capital equipment, or major maintenance/repair of and existing capital item, as distinguished from a normal operating expenditure.
 - Items obtained under a long-term lease.
2. Town departments will submit spending requests that provide sufficient funding for adequate maintenance and orderly replacement of capital plant and equipment.
3. All assets will be maintained at a level that protects capital investment and minimizes maintenance and replacement costs.
4. All equipment replacement needs for the coming five years will be projected and the projection will be updated each year.
5. Future operating and maintenance costs for all new capital facilities will be fully costed out.

B. Capital Improvement Fund

1. In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40 Section 5B, as amended by Section 14 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003 and Section 19 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2003, the Town of Needham has established a General Fund Cash Capital Equipment and Facility Improvement Fund hereinafter referred to as the Capital Improvement Fund or CIF (Article 58/2004 ATM). The purpose of the CIF is to allow the Town to reserve funds to use for general fund cash capital.
2. Appropriations from the CIF are restricted to the following items for which the Town may borrow for a period of five years or more: the acquisition of new equipment; the replacement of existing equipment; and building and facility improvements which cost less than \$250,000.
3. Only General Fund capital items that have been identified in the CIP for a period of three (3) years or more, and that have been recommended in the Capital Improvement Plan for the current year, are eligible for funding from the CIF.
4. The CIF may be used to pay for recurring equipment replacement needs that have been identified in the CIP and funded in at least three (3) of the five (5) immediately preceding fiscal years.
5. Appropriations into the CIF and interest earnings on the Fund become part of the Fund.

C. Capital Facility Fund

1. In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40 Section 5B, as amended by Section 14 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2003, and as further amended by Section 19 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2003, the Town of Needham has established a Capital Facility Fund (Article 10/2007 ATM). The purpose of this Fund is to allow the Town, from time to time, by appropriation, to reserve funds for the design, maintenance, renovation, or reconstruction relating to the structural integrity, building envelope, or MEP (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) systems of then existing capital facilities.
2. For the purpose of the Fund, the term "capital facility" shall refer to any building or structure which is located on Town property and is under the jurisdiction of the Town Manager.
3. The term "building or structure " shall include, but not be limited to, any Town-owned building, structure, room, or space within a building, facility, park or plaza, open space, driveway, landscaped area, or other physical improvements under the administrative control of the Town
4. Appropriations into the CFF and interest earnings on the Fund become part of the Fund.

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